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FOLLOWING REPEAT MEXICO 0740 SENT SECSTATE INFO BUENOS
AIRES DATED JAN 24.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 0740

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EO 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MEXICANS PESSIMISTIC ON BUENOS AIRES MFM

FOR SECRETARY FROM JOVA

1. FONSEC RABASA CALLED ME THIS MORNING TO ADVISE ME THAT
PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA WISHED TO SEE ME SOMETIME LATER TODAY.
RABASA CONFIDED THAT HE THOUGHT CUBA WOULD PROBABLY BE THE
SUBJECT RAISED WITH ME BY THE PRESIDENT, IN THE CONTEXT (I
ASSUME) OF BUENOS AIRES MFM. (I HAVE SINCE SPOKEN BY TELEPHONE
WITH ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS AND RECEIVED HIS INFORMAL
GUIDANCE.)

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2. RABASA VOLUNTEERED TO ME THAT MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES

SEEMED "DOOMED", DUE PRIMARILY TO DECISIONS OF VENEZUELA AND ECUADOR NOT TO ATTEND. SAID HE THOUGHT BEST THING WOULD BE EITHER TO POSTPONE OR TO CANCEL MEETING, BUT TO DO SO IN SOME WAY WHICH WOULD NOT WOUND ARGENTINES.

3. EARLIER TODAY ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR HERE HAD EXPRESSED SIMILARLY GLOOMY VIEW OF PROSPECTS FOR MEETING, WHILE ADDING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT REMAINED HOPEFUL OF FINDING SOME FORMULA WHICH WOULD ALLOW MEETING TO TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED. OBSERVED THAT THERE SEEMED TO BE AN EMOTIONAL, "BEAT ON THE YANKEES" WAVE CRESTING ACROSS THE HEMISPHERE JUST NOW DUE TO UNFORTUNATE CONJUNCTURE OF TRA AND CUBAN ISSUES.
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